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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue has been dragged out for long enough, and it is time to move on. A settlement is available and the terms are fair, the government needs to accept it.

Many people think that Microsoft has gotten off easy, in fact they have not. The settlement was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. Microsoft will share information with its competitors and allow them to place their own programs on the Windows operating system. The company agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, simply to put the issue behind them.

Microsoft has given up much to settle this issue, it is time that the government agrees and moves on. Microsoft and the industry need to move forward, and the only way to move forward is to put the issue in the past. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,

Mack Wilson